

Beyond Believing – Part 3

Roxborough Bible Chapel

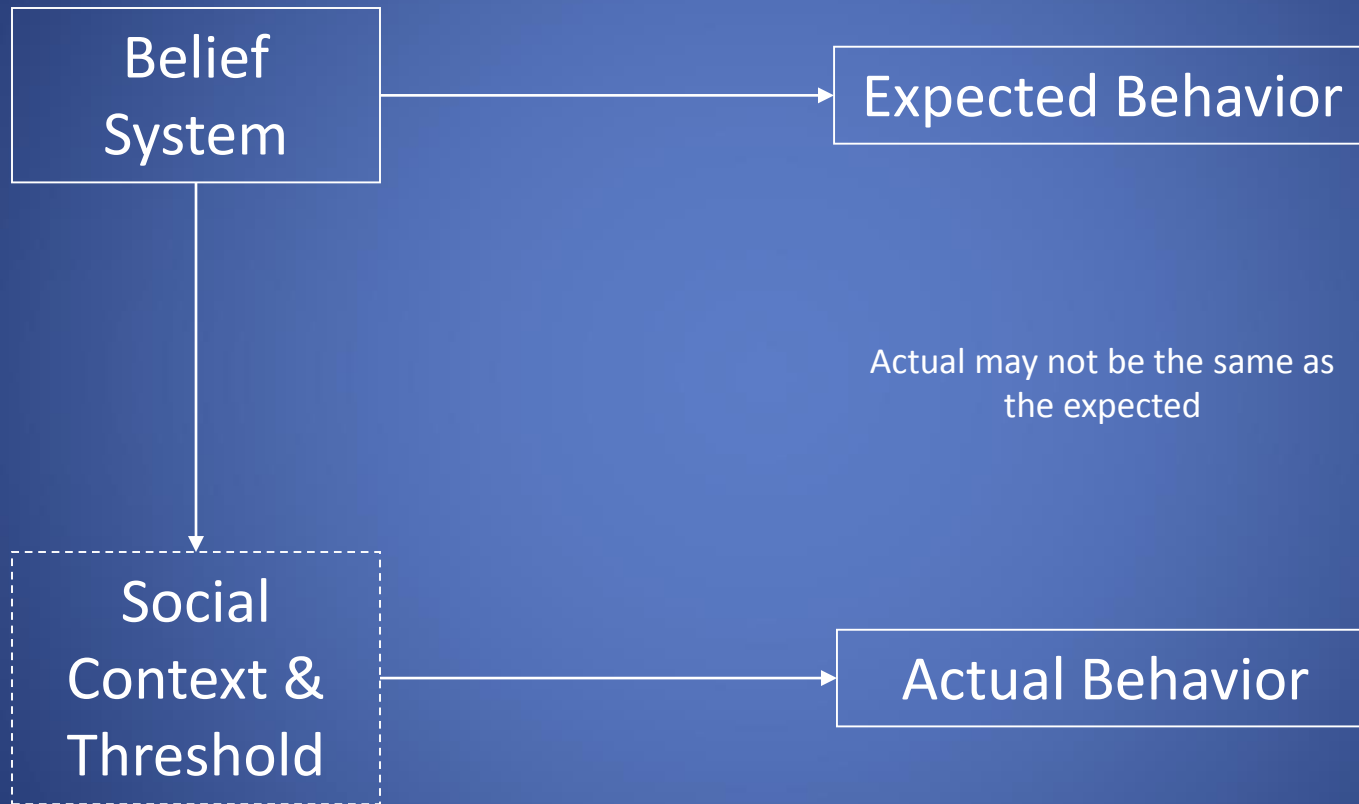
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Recap

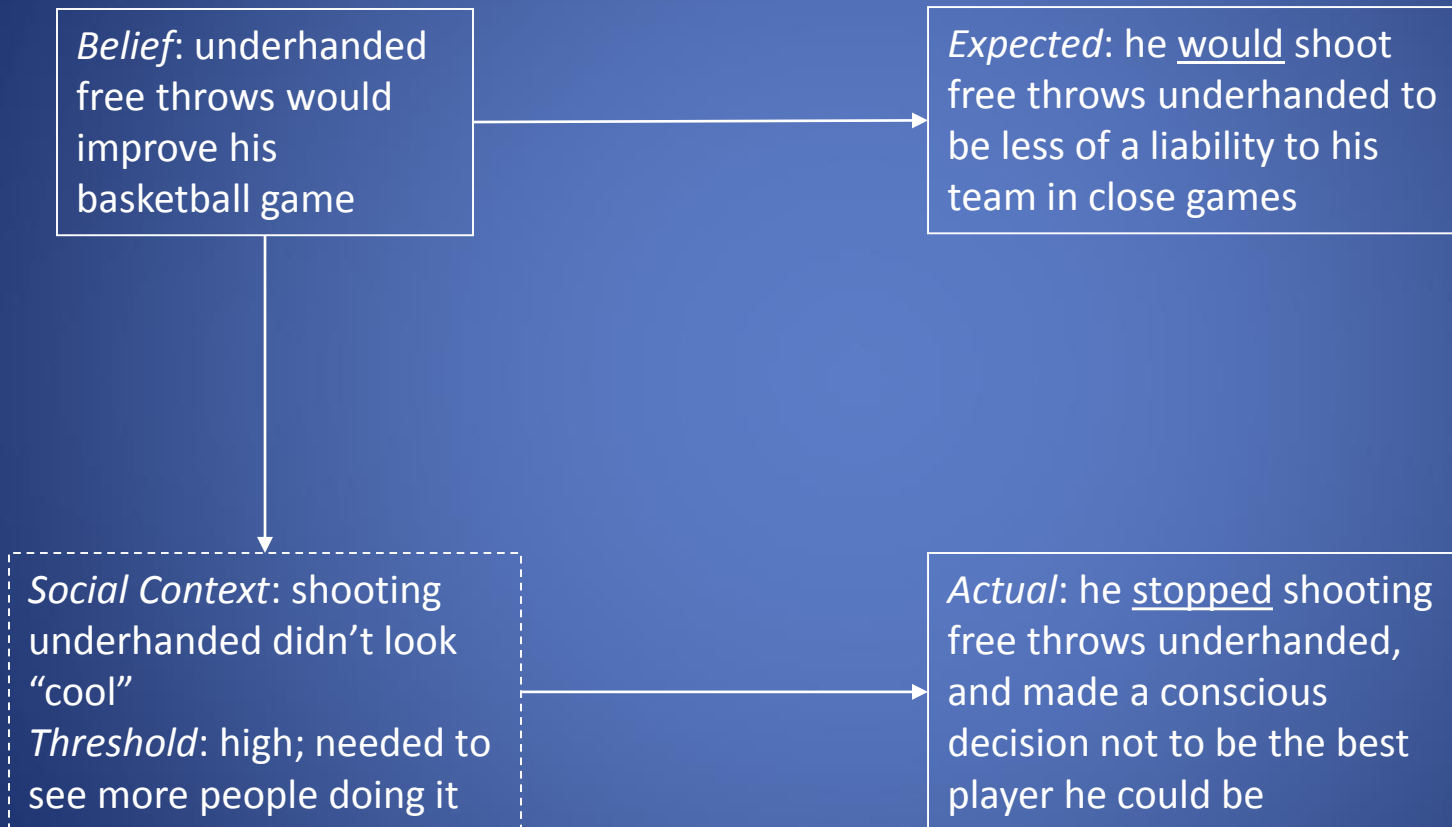
- Threshold Models of Collective Behavior
- To understand how certain people behave the social context matters
 - Internally we have our beliefs
 - Externally we have these thresholds
- Threshold is the number of “other” people doing something in order to for you join in

What people **BELIEVE** may not help us much in understanding how people **BEHAVE**, and vice versa

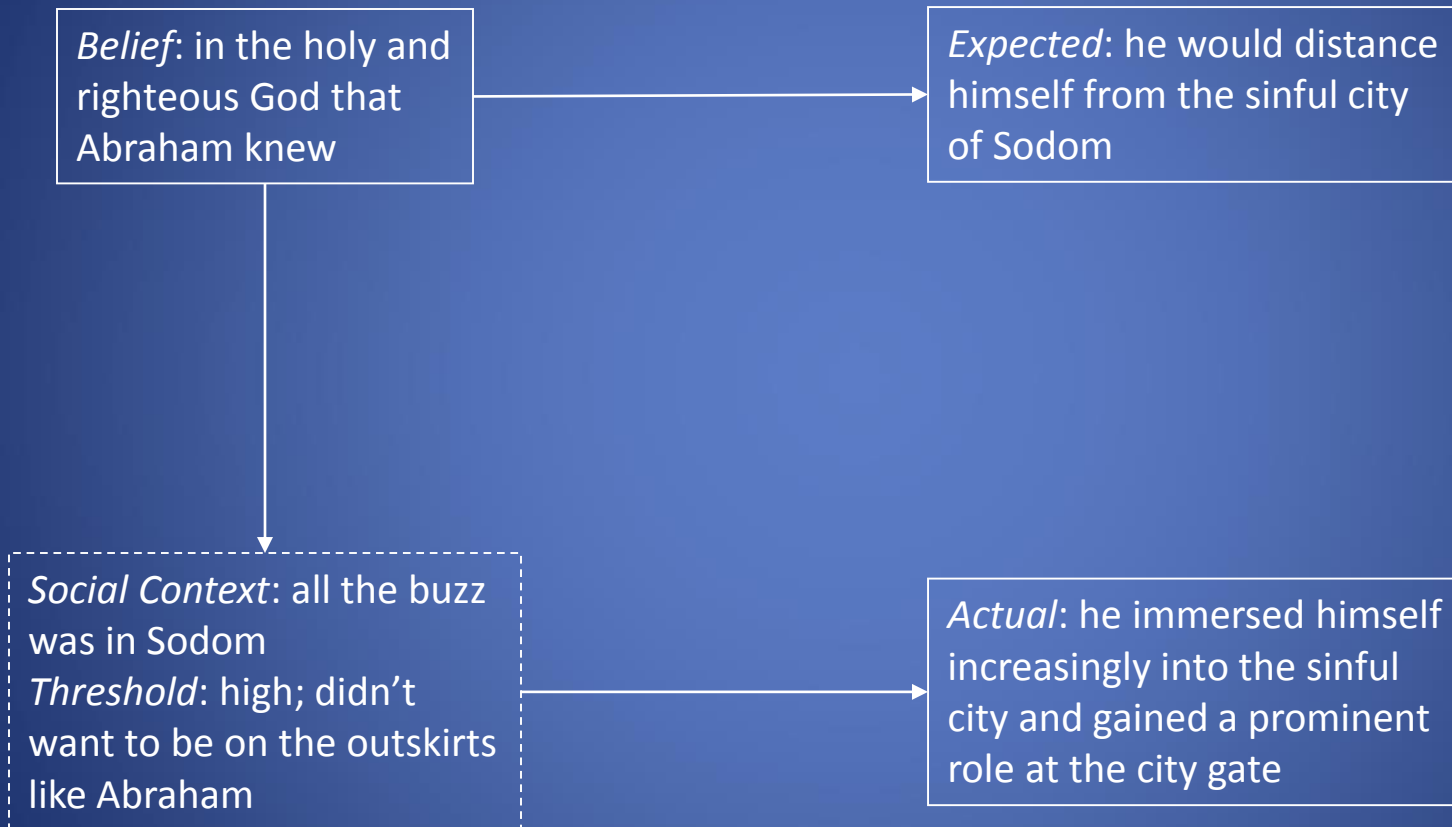
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Wilt Chamberlain



Lot (Abraham's Nephew)



Peter (before Resurrection)

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Social Context: there was danger in being associated with Jesus at the courtyard
Threshold: high; he was the only one there associated with Jesus

Actual: he denied Jesus three times in the courtyard

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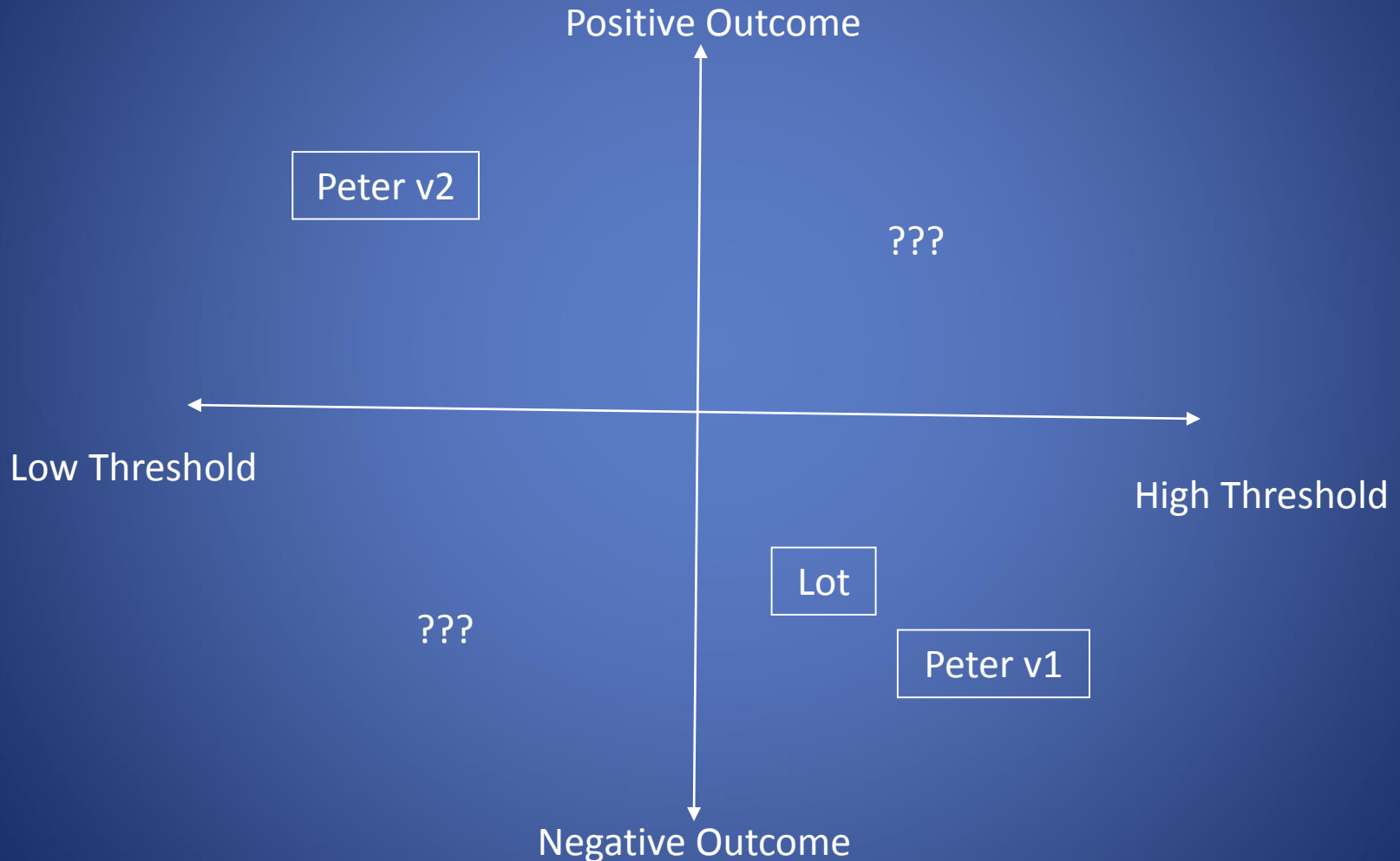
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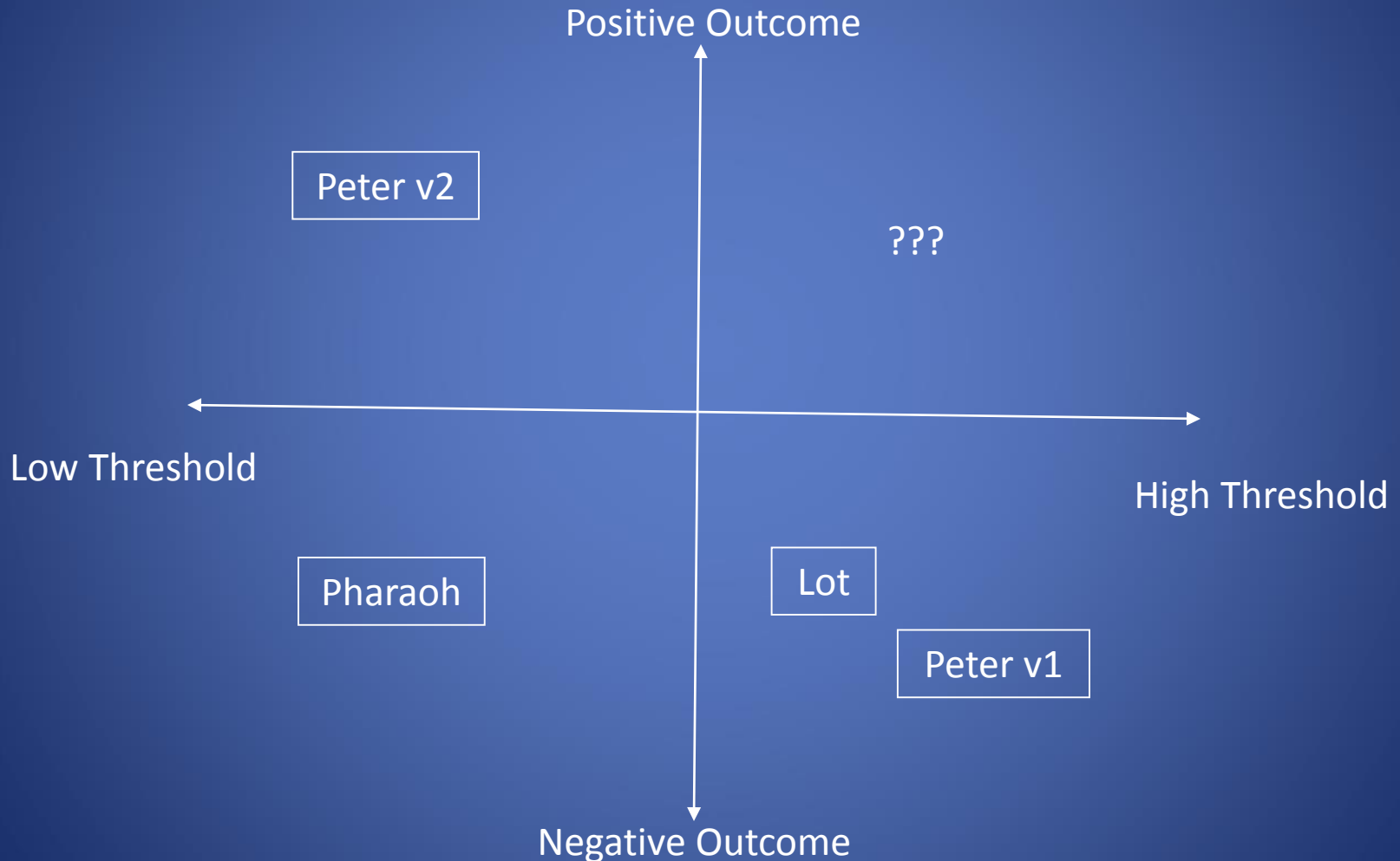
Social Context: there was danger in being associated with Jesus
Threshold: low; it didn't matter what others were doing

Actual: he was a devoted follower and was used by God greatly in spreading the gospel to the world

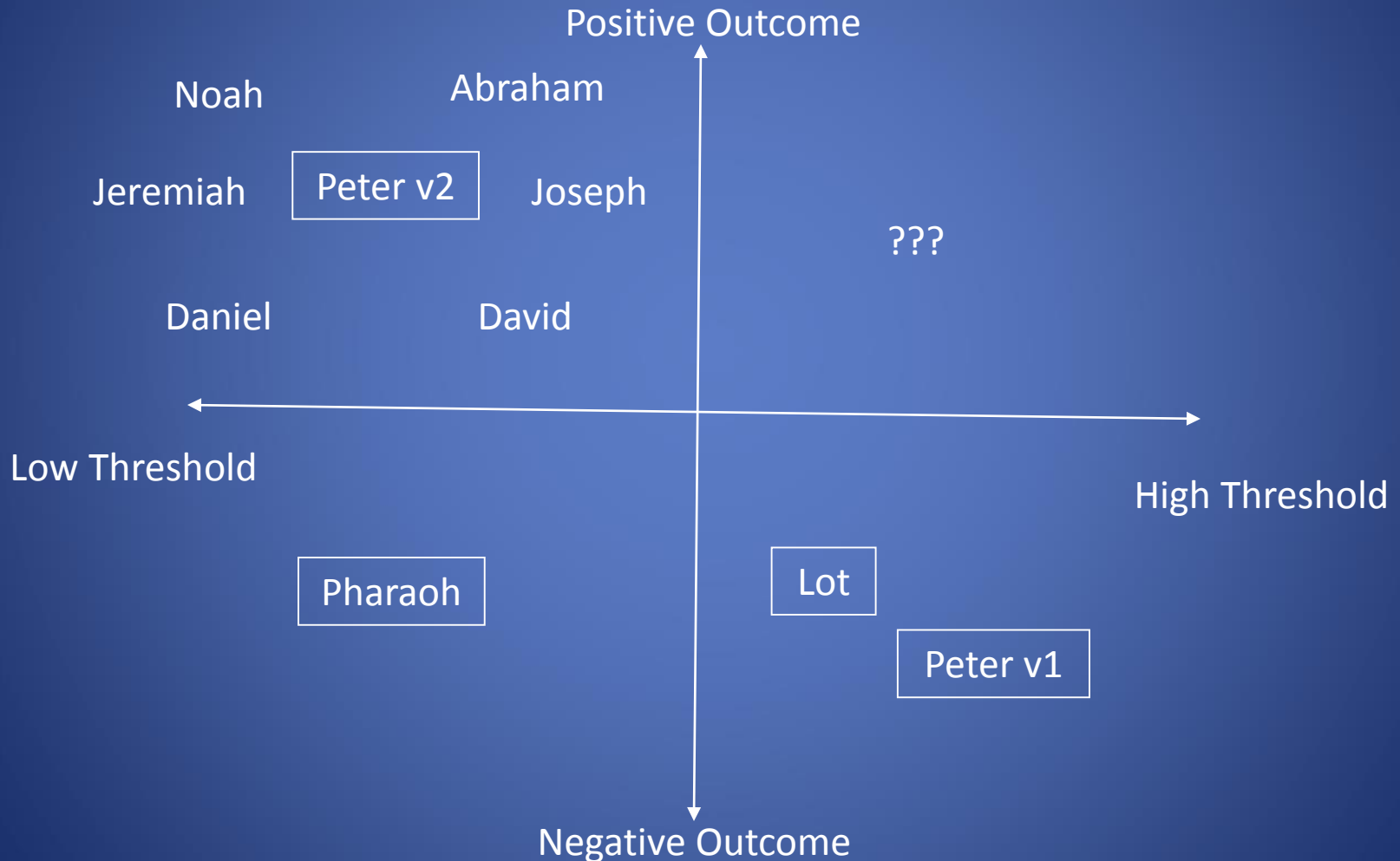
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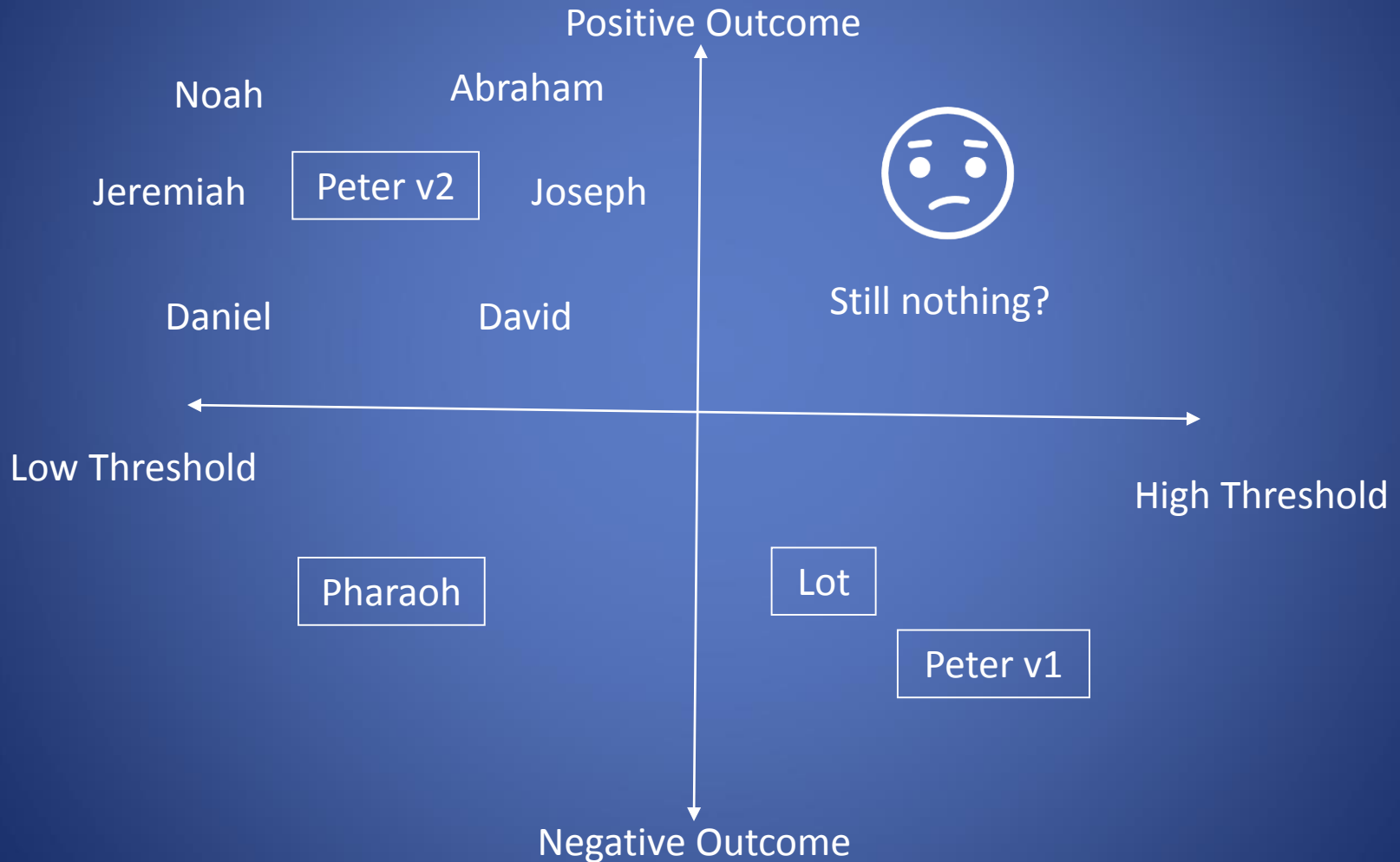
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- Be wary of peer pressures that hit us from so many different angles
- Pray constantly for strength not to enter into temptation
- When the going gets tough...
 - Christ's power is made perfect in our weakness
 - All things work together for good for those that love God and are called according to his purpose